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## STUDENT MOVEMENT LAUNCHED

Mass Meeting in Interest of Gymnasium. Beautiful Prize Offered

**A** LARGE number of students met in Andrew Rankin Chapel last Monday evening to organize a volunteer movement to secure funds to help the Alumni Association erect a gymnasium.

The movement was hailed by all and loyal support assured. A definite working basis was agreed upon and officers were elected.

### Prize Offered

The principal speaker of the evening was Prof. Kelly Miller, President of the Alumni Association. He showed the students what an opportunity they have to do service for a worthy project. He pointed out the great need of a gymnasium both for the benefit of the individual student and the University.

He expressed the hope that the enthusiasm, interest and effort manifested in the meeting would continue and that the material side of the movement should be the students' one thought. The students can contribute largely to the success of this project if they will but apply themselves diligently. To stimulate a greater interest in the movement and to insure continuous effort on the part of each class through its students, Prof. Miller offered a beautiful prize to the class contributing the largest amount of money to the Student Contingent by Alumni reunion in May.

### Election of Officers

Mr. Marshall, Athletic Director, urged the students to take up this work vigorously and continue until they succeed. He spoke of the

lack of facilities for physical development, for training teams, for holding games and the like. He spoke of Howard's success so far, but warned the students that unless facilities were provided, Old Howard's colors will be seen trailing before our very eyes. The picture painted by Mr. Marshall should be an incentive for every student to work unceasingly to make the movement a success.

In order to have a nucleus about which the movement might work, Mr. Marshall suggested that general officers be appointed. With the consent of the house the meeting was opened and the following were elected officers of the Student Volunteer Gymnasium Movement: President, C. Benj. Curley; Vice-President, Miss Marion T. Higgs; Secretary, Thomas C. Brown; Asst. Secretary, Miss Blanche Luterloh; Treasurer, Miss Marie Hardwick.

Following the election, suggestions were made by various members for the consideration of the body, one of which was that the executive committee consist of representatives from each department and the movement be spread throughout the University and to each student and friend.

Ex-Captain John Shorter, a man wrapped up soul and body in Howard was present and pledged his support to the cause. Every old student knows Capt. Shorter's record in the advancement of athletics about Howard and his words of advice and encouragement were warmly received. After other members had spoken, the meeting was adjourned subject to call by the President.

### Plans

The Association has had cards printed that may be punched to the amount of \$4.00 and the money for

all preliminary expenses was advanced by Prof. Miller. Each student must take a card and collect \$4.00 among his friends before the report to be made at the Alumni reunion. It is hoped that no student will feel that he is not suited for such a task but that each student will take a card and work until the amount has been raised. "A tag day" has been planned for the latter part of the school year at which time we hope to tag everybody in Washington for this worthy cause. Let every class work for the prize and let every student strive earnestly to show the Alumni that he is interested in their attempt and will support them forever.

## Philadelphia Branch

The Howard University Alumni Association

**O**N Tuesday evening February fifteenth, the Philadelphia Branch of the Howard University Alumni Association met at the residence of Mr. Robert S. Jackson and held their annual banquet and election of officers.

Speeches were delivered by W. Justin Carter of Harrisburg Pa., Dr. William Slowe, Dr. George L. Bayton, Professor Hugh M. Browne of Chaney and Miss Anna R. Bowyer.

The Banquet was one of high class order and was the best ever given by that branch since its organization three years ago.

The officers elected were as follows: Honorable George H. White President, W. Justin Carter First Vice-president, Professor James M. Gregory Second Vice-President, J. Alexander Jackson Recording Secretary, Charles H. Brooks Treasurer and T. M. Nixon Corresponding Secretary.



## BASE BALL OUTLOOK

**I**T looks as though chances to make the base ball team this season are going to be extremely hard. The overwhelming abundance of good material will undoubtedly force every man, who is given a tryout, to produce the very best there is in him.

The whole team will practically be new because quite a number of the last year's nine graduated, some failed to return and still others will not find time to play.

The pitching staff this year will be stronger than ever before. We have two of last year's team who can always be relied upon; they are Morris and Bell. Long is an experienced ball player and from all account of his former record it is believed that he will be a star on the slab this spring.

There are many others of former reputations as slab artists but we have not seen enough of them to advance an opinion. It is to be expected that Turner, the southpaw flinger, who pitched for the Academy last year will be among the satelights this year.

On catchers no doubt we will be a little weak because we have no well seasoned man for that position. It is an awful blow to the team to lose the services of Tyson, who informed the manager that it is impossible for him to find time to give to base ball this year. Still we hope to find in Sykes, Ed. Gray, Cowan and Tabby Howard enough catching ability to carry us through. For the other positions it is going to be a survival of the fittest. We have no way of judging so far just how much hitting strength we have. The abilities of Bell, Montgomery, Young and Captain Hodge are about all that we can rely upon.

Real practice will begin just as soon as the weather will permit, and it is the desire of the manager for every man in the University who anticipates becoming a candidate for the team and who has not given the manager his name, to do so at once so that he may know just where to reach them when real practice begins.

## SHELL STILL MISSING

All efforts, both on part of University authorities and of the student body, to locate Mr. Shell, a member of the senior class of the Academy, who mysteriously disappeared January 23rd have proved vain. Letters were written to all his relatives and known friends inquiring of him but from all came the same reply.

The detective bureau was informed of his disappearance about February 1st and they have been working in vain. The case is a queer one and gives reasons to suspect that something severe befell Mr. Shell.

When he left his room on that Sunday night he was as roommate tells, in the very best of humor and seemed to be very well contented at the way things in his life were moving. The whole university has been very much alarmed over the case.

## COUNCIL OF UPPER-CLASSMEN

At the next regular meeting of the Council of Upper Classmen, officers for the election which will be held at the first regular meeting in April will be nominated. After the nomination Thursday night March third, no other candidates can be put in the field before the election.

The Council is now beginning to do some very effective work. Just this week it presented President Thirkield a check for fifty dollars, one half of the amount it promised to contribute for two lights to be placed at the entrance way of the new library.

A woman's head may be easier to turn than a man's, but the man's will stay turned longer.

Miss Norma Boyd entertained the young ladies of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Tuesday evening at her home 1324 twelfth street north-east.

## Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. is making marked progress under the new administration. The Committees have been reorganized and are doing effective work. Great stress is being placed on Bible Study Classes which meet on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:00 o'clock under the supervision of Mrs. W. P. Thirkield, Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook, Mrs. Isabella Webb Parks, Mrs. Josephine B. Bruce and Mrs. D. F. Rivers. All girls are cordially invited.

## IN NEED OF COLLEGE SONGS

We are extremely poor in college songs, suitable for any occasion other than foot ball. Yet we have any number of musicians. We are going to have four debates this spring and many other functions at which it will be necessary to exhibit some real college spirit, both by singing and yelling. We have, with our large number of students, been made to look like a Chinese one cent piece with a hole in it in the matter of yells and songs by a mere handful of students.

To prevent such embarrassment the JOURNAL publishing company is going to offer a handsome prize for the best college song, suitable for any occasion, submitted by April first.

We are going to Philadelphia this spring to debate Lincoln and now there are many alumni of both Howard and Lincoln in Philadelphia and the rivalry between these two schools is very keen hence it will be expected that there will be a great deal of spirit exhibited. Let us not be found wanting.

## NOTICE

Judge Norris will address the Alpha Phi to night in the Memorial Chapel, on the life and works of Abraham Lincoln.

## HOWARD EMBLEM

**I**T is in keeping with the spirit and especially with the athletic life of some of the larger universities to have a special emblem. For example, Yale is known the world over by her emblem the "Bulldog," the "Tiger" means Princeton. After reading carefully the traits and characteristics of many animals, the writer hit upon the "American Bison" or "Buffalo" as is commonly called. However the writer may have overlooked some reasons that would decide against the Buffalo. If so, he would appreciate any information concerning the same.

The name "bison" is apparently of Teutonic origin, signifying originally some species of wild cattle, (A-Swesent—Ger wisunt or wisent, Fr or Lat. bison). The earliest representation of the animal is said to be that given by Theret in 1558, three years after the publication of Vaca's journal, which gave the earliest known description. At present no animal is better known in its general aspects and few if any figure more frequently in writings relating to North America.

The buffalo formerly ranged over the whole eastern United States to the Atlantic Ocean and southward into Florida. It is now mainly confined to northern Texas, New Mexico and west central states. The advance of civilization toward the west has had the result of driving the buffalo further in this direction until it has penetrated into the basin between the Rockies and the Cascades. The fact that it is becoming extinct however, is not a fault of its own but is due to the greed of the hunter.

The buffalo is more sociable in his habits than any of his immediate relations. The gait of the buffalo is at all times more active than that of other oxen. Not only is the ordinary walk brisk, but the trot and gallop enable him to cover ground very rapidly. For a mile or more he is a good match for a horse. Obstacles rarely cause the

buffalo to swerve on their migrations, from the well-trodden buffalo paths: even rivers of a mile in width are safely crossed. The buffalo, even when mortally wounded will make his most desperate efforts to avenge himself.

In frontier prairie, the enormous strength of the buffalo is made use of for draught purposes. The American Buffalo is now no stranger to the menageries and zoological gardens of the world for it readily accustoms itself to captivity.

Since the buffalo is a well known American animal, it would not call for a deal of explanation as some not so well known. The writer thinks some of the traits of the buffalo apply very well to us, as for example the clauses, "Obstacles rarely cause the buffalo to swerve. The buffalo even when mortally wounded will make his most desperate efforts to avenge himself." And again the oxen family as you know, is known for its endurance and strength "Slow but sure."

The writer offers the seven stripes as representing the seven departments of the University. Of course any design may be used but the object is the adoption of the American Buffalo and the seven stripes.

## EXTRACTS

Howe'er it be, it seems to me  
 'Tis only noble to be good.  
 Kind hearts are more than coronets,  
 And simple faith than Norman blood. —Tennyson.

No one is without some quality by the due application of which he might deserve well of the world, and whoever he be that has but little in his power should be in haste to do that little lest he be confounded with those who can do nothing.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Have a purpose. No one ever reached great things without trying for them. Thoughts of what is great, love for great ideals, daily acts done in a great spirit, prepare the hero's hour and bring it to him. Purpose makes or mars life. Purposelessness ruins life.

Be ready in the golden Now  
 To do a helpful deed,  
 And never let the chance go by  
 To meet a sister's need.  
 Don't wait until another time,  
 For she who waits may lose  
 The grandest chance of all her life:  
 It is not ours to choose.

—Eben E. Rexford

Give to the world the best you have  
 And the best will come back to you.  
 Give love, and love to your life will flow.  
 A strength in your utmost need:  
 Have faith, and a score of hearts will show  
 Their faith in your word and deed  
 Give truth, and your gifts will be paid in kind  
 And honor will honor meet:  
 And a smile that is sweet will surely find  
 A smile that is just as sweet.

—MADELINE S. BRIDGES

Without haste! without rest!  
 Bind the motto to thy breast:  
 Bear it with thee as a spell:  
 Storm or sunshine, guard it well!  
 Haste not! Let no thoughtless deed  
 Mar for aye the spirit's speed!  
 Ponder well, and know the right,  
 Onward then, with all thy might!  
 Haste not! years can ne'er atone  
 For one reckless action done.  
 Rest not! Life is sweeping by,  
 Go and dare, before you die;  
 Something mighty and sublime  
 Leave behind to conquer time!  
 Haste not! rest not! calmly wait;  
 Meekly bear the storm of fate!  
 Duty be thy polar guide—  
 Do the right whate'er betide!

—GOETHE

## THOUGHTS

Nature furnishes fresh air to be used.

Never depend upon a stuttering man. He'll break his word.

To enjoy love or sausages one must have a lot of confidence.

When a good temper jumps the track it has the worst smash-up of all.



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## EDITORIALS

The growing tendency to industrialize Howard University is unfortunate. This is an institution founded by a great man for higher education of colored youth. Its purpose is to educate students for active service as teachers, preachers, missionaries and along other lines in the higher professions. This institution was never intended for an industrial school and it is only recently that such an idea has taken hold on the minds of some people in certain sections of the country.

We have no fault to find of industrial education nor are we opposed to it, but to turn our laboratories, library and science hall into trade shops would be walking backwards. The only proof of merit and the only

way to convince our brethren of other races that we are equally capable in intellectual capacity to them is to maintain institutions like Howard, Fisk and Atlanta with higher courses of learning. To lower our curriculum and turn our attention to shop-work and DOMESTIC SCIENCE alone for the sake of obtaining a few thousand dollars from some philanthropist would be selling our birth right for a measly morsel, this we do not intend to do.

In every issue of the JOURNAL dating from quite a while back you have seen articles of one kind or another concerning a "Gym" the purpose of these articles is to forever keep in mind the great need of a gymnasium. The Alumni Association promised on its own accord, since they have done so little in a material way, to erect for the University a "Gym." This promise has probably placed the students at a disadvantage. The Trustees have long since seen the growing need of a gymnasium and would have no doubt by this time had one in the course of erection, but relying on the promise of our faithful alumni they have stayed their hands.

Promises have been made and large amounts have been subscribed and the time for the payment of these subscriptions has long ago come due yet practically none of them have been paid.

It is not worth while to dwell upon the inevitable outcome of a man who does not regard his promise so we leave that for the consideration of those who have made the promises.

The Alumni Association is under a moral obligation to the student body or the University as you may take it to build a gymnasium or at least make an attempt and that is why you have seen so much in these columns about "Gym."

The dividend which was declared by the I. S. A. A. last Saturday night was sufficient to make the hairs on your head stand up. After playing ten consecutive Saturday nights and having a fairly good crowd every night the net proceeds were only large enough to

permit one team to get two (\$2) dollars. The Y. M. C. A. team and the Howard teams have played most of the games that this institution has pulled off and yet they were only able to get three (\$3.39) dollars and thirty nine cents. We are forced to believe that there is something radically wrong and that it is time to give up basket ball.

It is true that this mid-winter sport has lost a good bit of its popularity, if you compare the attendance this winter with that of last winter, when the game yielded a nice return for effort put in it but because it has once been a paying proposition, there is no good reason why we should cling to it after we are thoroughly convinced that it has lost its popularity.

The fitting out of our two teams cost us something in the neighborhood of sixty (\$60) dollars and at the end of the first half of the season we got in return for that amount expended only one (\$1.39) dollars thirty nine cents. Where is the wisdom of playing or even losing sleep about basket ball on such conditions as these?

When the startling dividend was declared it caused a considerable bit of dissatisfaction on the part of some of the clubs playing in this association, and it ought for there ought to be a representative for every club on the board of directors so that the interest of all would be carefully guarded.

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## ACADEMY WINS

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**T**HE Crescent quint was defeated by the Preps last Saturday evening at True Reformer's Gymnasium. Howard's team showed the result of much hard work in that their playing was much better than the former game.

Captain Franklin clearly outplayed the Crescent centre while Dunlap made three goals and prevented the Crescent forward from shooting. The Crescent team played a miserable game and was at the mercy of the opposing team throughout the game.

The Preps had such a lead on the Crescents that each man was able to shine in his position. Few fouls were committed. Wilson tossed three goals out of six attempts while Johnson secured two out of five. Crescent forwards were hurt in the game but were able to continue.

Our teams lack a deal of training but they are handicapped on account of facilities. Considering these disadvantages the teams are in very good form.

## THE LINE UP

Academy	Pos.	Crescent A. C.
Lafayette	R. E.	Lewis
Wilson	L. F.	Washington
Franklin (Capt)	C.	Howard
Stratton	R. G.	Johnson, (Capt)
Dunlap	L. G.	Winthrop

Goals—Lafayette 3; Wilson 4; Franklin 2; Stratton 1; Dunlap 3; Lewis 2; Winthrop 1. Free tosses, Wilson 3; Johnson 2. Referee Mr. Henderson; Umpire, Mr. Oliver. Timer, Mr. Brown. Time of halves 20 minutes each.

## WHAT NAP SAYS

Is hypocrisy ever excusable? I think so. For instance, the interest that a young man pretends to take in the girl's family.

The Sorority prohibited some girls from entertaining for one week after which time they couldn't entertain. "Initiation."

## NEWS NOTES

The doors of the new library will be opened next week.

Don't forget the Lone Star Club meeting Monday night.

Miss Marie Hardwick, matron of Miner Hall, addressed the Young People's Christian Endeavor last Sunday evening at the fifteenth street Presbyterian Church.

Miss Anna R. Bowyer, Teachers College '06 is the only teacher in city schools of Philadelphia who is not a graduate of the Philadelphia High School. Merit alone won her the position.

Mr. J. B. Mason Academy, '06 who has for the past two years been engaged in business in the middle west has returned to the city and is contemplating entering the medical school next year.

## A Case of Banishment

Judge — Is it true that — was unceremoniously ejected from the Spanish Class?

Witness. — True, your Honor.

J. — Why has such torture come to him?

W. — If it be torture — there seems to be no reason why.

J. — Was he an obedient student?

W. — As gentle as a lamb, as docile as a Dutchman.

J. — Is he a worthy student?

W. — A worthier sole never covered two square feet of soil.

J. — Think you he could have learned Spanish?

W. — Ave Sir. He speaks English remarkably well for an American, and he uses French very fluently. He is also a good student in Greek and Latin. Spanish is much like Latin and certainly is not more difficult.

The judge wisely ruled that Mr. — be permitted to enter again into the fold, but the lamb thinks that if it is a preconceived idea that he is a black sheep it would be healthier for him outside of the fold.

## VESPERS



LITTLE different from the usual order but yet quite interesting was the vesper service last Sunday afternoon. The function was the presentation on the part of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of a large and beautiful picture of Frances E. Willard to the University. Services of the usual order could not have been more helpful and here I venture to say not as much as was this.

The addresses on this occasion were delivered by Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, President of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union and Miss A. A. Gordon, Vice-President and life long friend and companion of Miss Willard. The great work and the noble life of this devoted woman were pictured in most beautiful terms.

Mrs. Don P. Blaine, President of the local Temperance Union, presented the picture with a remarkable speech which showed her devotion to the cause for which Miss Willard spent her life, and in concluding she made a strong appeal to the students of the University who are going out as leaders to lend a hand in the work of tearing down the legalized liquor traffic. Appropriate on this occasion was the beautiful anthem sung by the vested choir of forty voices under the direction of Miss Childers.

## LETTER FROM LYLE

193 West 134th Street,

New York City,

February 19, 1910.

Professor Kelly Miller:—

Dear Sir,

Success has attended my efforts thus far. I have succeeded in getting through my first term's work with sufficient credit to have a small scholarship granted for my second term's work.

The work is pleasant, the grind steady, and the pull hard, but I am making out to keep right along with the rest. I am attempting to



investigate the History of Public Negro Education and the effect of the Carpet Bag Administration upon Southern education as a whole. These subjects are being worked up from the sources in a course in the methods of writing history.

The work is very interesting and I hope to be able to make some authoritative statements upon the subjects at the end of the study. ("Hope springs eternal in the human breast".)

From all I can hear, things seem to be in bloom around Howard. Great! Keep up the good work. I hope to be an alumnus some day able to contribute my pence toward the "Gym."

Yours truly,

George Lyle.

### George Washington's Birthday Celebrated

**L**AST Tuesday evening we celebrated the one hundred and seventy-eight birthday of the Honorable George Washington. The celebration began at six o'clock and lasted until nine thirty. Persons, dressed in the styles of that period represented the leading personages of the times.

The party gathered in the parlors of Miner Hall at six o'clock and a half an hour later they all marched in double file down to the dining room where an old fashion colonial dinner was served. General Washington, who was represented by Mr. E. M. Chandler was the leading spirit of the occasion.

After all were through eating and the remains of the dinner were cleared away speech making became the order of the day. This feature was indulge in for three quarters of an hour and then we retired to the big dance hall where the rest of the time was spent in quadrilles and minuets. The costumes worn were especially unique and very typical of the age which they were supposed to represent.

The evening was one of great pleasure and quite reminding of

those days when the Thirteen Original States were waging that desperate struggle for Liberty, Independence and Recognition.

Uncle Sam was the leader of the Dance.

### PERSONALS

Donnell has made it all right again.

Rose is always (READY) for an argument in Sunday school.

Leroy Jones and Edward Love are smiling the same little Smyls.

J. R. Alexander was taken to the hospital last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Annie May Powell Col. '08 writes that she is succeeding very nicely with her work and finds a great deal of enjoyment in same.

Beamon and Stratton are still fighting. We are looking every moment for one or the other to land the knockout blow. The battle has already broken all records.

F. B. was indignant because the Sorority gave its banquet on Washington's birthday. It is good to be patriotic but I fear that this was not the cause of his indignation.

President Thirkield has just received through the office of Registration in Medicine in Boston, stating that in the examinations before the Board of Medical Examiners on May 11th-13th, 1909, Mr. John H. Smith, a graduate of Howard University School of Medicine, secured the highest marks out of forty applicants who were examined, his general average being eighty four per cent.

It is interesting to learn that Mr. Thomas J. Price, a graduate of the School of Law, after being put through a two hours examination by a committee of lawyers in open court at Little Rock, Arkansas, passed a very successful examination, and was commended by the daily papers of the city on his work. He has been in active practice since September, 1907, and is a partner with Mr. Scipio A. Jones, who has been in practice there for eighteen years.

### W. C. CHANCE

**M**R. W. C. Chance, a former student of the University, and now founder and principal of Higgs Industrial Institute, Parmele, North Carolina, is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. Chance, after spending one year in the Law School, felt the need of his services, abandoned the idea of studying Law and turned his attention toward the training of colored youth along industrial lines. The first session of his institute began October 12, 1909.

The following are some of the testimonials of his work and worth:

"I take pleasure in stating that from representations made to me by gentlemen in whom I have the utmost confidence, I can commend without reservation the Higgs Industrial Institute of Parmele, North Carolina, and that I can say of W. C. Chance, its president, that he is a colored man of character and education and that he is doing a great work for the colored race in the Higgs Industrial Institute."

W. W. Kitchen, Governor.

"I am more impressed with Principal Chance than any colored man I have met. I believe if given an opportunity he will establish and maintain a colored industrial school at Parmele, which will within his limited sphere, accomplish as much good as Booker T. Washington has done in Alabama. The location of this institution is in my congressional district."

John H. Small,  
Congressman First District,  
Washington, N. C.

"Parmele, North Carolina, is in the center of a large colored population, and a poorly equipped and conducted institution for the industrial training of the colored race at that point will have a large field of usefulness."

J. V. Joyner,  
State Superintendent Pub. Schools.

"I live fifteen miles from Parmele, and heartily concur from personal knowledge with all commen-

dations regarding Higgs Industrial Institute. I think Mr. Chance is a worthy man and that any aid given him will be properly applied and intelligently utilized."

T. J. Jarvis, Ex-Governor,  
Greenville, N. C.

"The enterprise which Mr. Chance is fostering is a most deserving one and in a section of the state where an institution of this kind could do much good."

James B. Dudley,  
President A. and M. College,  
Greensboro, N. C.

"The undertaking of Mr. Chance to build up a school where the need is apparently so great is most commendable. I believe that he has in him the elements of manly strength that will be developed in such an enterprise."

Sterlin N. Brown,  
Washington, D. C.

## NOTICE

Male students of the University, from all the departments, who hail from the State of Texas are requested to meet Monday night at eight o'clock in the Main Building, for the purpose of organizing a Lone Star Club.

When are you going to subscribe?

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